

PIC/D-2-59
6 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Relationship of PIC and TSS/DEP in
Research and Development Activities

1. As discussed with you verbally on 9 December 1953 and subsequently with Mr. Lapschire, the R & D activities shared by this Center with TSS are proceeding quite satisfactorily from our viewpoint and without any of the difficulties which could have occurred without the present understandings we share with TSS.
2. I report this to you on the date of your newest assignment along with the unwritten terms of reference under which we presently operate. We presently feel free to visit any potential contractor's establishment and engage in discussions with technical personnel on the widest range of subjects embraced by photo interpretation, photogrammetry, photo technology and related systems concepts. Consistent with the security systems involved these contacts are reported verbally to AFD/TSS along with any suggestions we might have had for solicitation of contract proposal. Where contract proposals in our field have been solicited, these are sent directly to AFD, following which the potential projects are discussed with AFD and full agreement reached before any contracts are accepted. During the course of contracted work AFD or PIC personnel together or separately may visit contractors' establishments. It is clearly understood by both groups that no modifications will be proposed without discussions following which the official authority for modifications proposed by PIC will be authorized by AFD. At the conclusion of a contract in our support it is understood that acceptance can be given by AFD on the subject involved only with the concurrence of the PIC contract representative and myself.
3. We clearly recognize the wide range of TSS contracting which has no direct relationship to PIC and to which the foregoing would obviously not apply. In such of these cases where collection systems are involved, we stand ready to provide technical support and recommendations as to the optimum utilizability of the photo products anticipated.
4. On the other hand we would note that some of the research and development activities of PIC under the present terms of reference might be clearly outside the purview of TSS. To cover such cases, it might be anticipated from our earlier discussions that eventually some overall research and development board might be formed to consider these as well as all other CIA research and development programs to combine where

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possible, reject where redundant and arrange in proper priority spectrum to make most efficient use of the R & D funds available. Toward this end, we stand ready to provide technical representation to any overall Ad Hoc Research and Development Planning Board which you might care to consider in preparation for the formulation of a comprehensive CIA research and development policy.

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